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THE GOVERNMENT ANSWERS.

The Views of the Government Made
Known to Mrs. Domitius.

HER INDIVIDUAL LIABILITY.

The Letter of Abdication Does Not Ex-
empt Her from Punishment if She is
Proven Guilty of Treason—Her Appeal
for Clemency Will Be Considered.

The Government has replied to
the ex-queen's letter of abdication.
It was presented to her on Tuesday
and reads as follows:

EXECUTIVE BUILDING,
Honolulu, January 29, 1895.
MADAM:—A document executed by
you purporting to contain an abdic-
ation and renunciation of all sovereign
rights heretofore claimed by you has
been delivered on your behalf to the
President.

As you were under arrest at the
time this instrument was signed it is
desired before accepting and placing
the same on file, to make clear to you
in order that no misunderstanding
may hereafter arise, the views of the
Government in this matter:

1. The execution of this document
cannot be taken to exempt you in the
slightest degree from personal and in-
dividual liability for such complicity
as due investigation and trial may
show that you had in the late con-
spiracy against the Government and
the consequent loss of life which po-
sition is recognized by you in your
letter.

2. It cannot be conceded that such
rights and claims as you now volun-
tarily relinquish have had any legal
existence since January 14, 1893, when
by your public announcement that
you no longer considered yourself
bound by the fundamental law of the
land under which you took office, and
by your act in attempting by the
mere exercise of your own will to
establish a new system of govern-
ment, the contract existing be-
tween you and the people was
dissolved, and all sovereign rights
theretofore vested in you were lost.

3. So far as your communication
may be taken as a notice to the dis-
affected that it is your desire that the
Republic shall be recognized by them
as the sole and lawful government of
the country, it is fully appreciated. In
this connection your unselfish appeal
for clemency for those who took part
in the late insurrection will receive
full consideration.

(Signed), WILLIAM O. SMITH,
Attorney-General.

To Mrs. Liliuokalani Domitius.

MARRIAGE AT ST. ANDREW'S.

Dr. Walters, of Lihue, Joins the
Ranks of the Benedictines.

At St. Andrew's Cathedral yester-
day afternoon a very pretty
wedding took place, when Dr. St. D.
G. Walters, of Lihue, Kauai, and
Miss Severina Lucy Herbert,
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan
Herbert, were made man and wife.
The ceremony was performed by
the Rev. Vincent H. Kiteat, using
the ritual of the church of Eng-
land. The bride, who looked lovely
in a white costume, was given away
by her father. Wray Taylor pre-
sided at the organ and played
Mendelssohn's Wedding March.
Among those who witnessed the
ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. A.
Herbert, Mrs. J. F. Hackfeld, Sen-
ior Canavaro, Portuguese Consul,
Mrs. F. W. Glade, Mrs. Neumann,
Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Spruill, Mr.
and Mrs. Kopke, Dr. and Mrs. G.
Herbert, Messrs. Isenberg, S.
Parker, H. Focke and Captain
Ahlborn. Dr. and Mrs. Walters
left on the Australia on their wed-
ding trip.

Settlers for Hawaii.

Mr. William Henry, of Oregon,
who came to the islands as a rep-
resentative of a number of progres-
sive farmers in that State, returned
home by the Australia. He car-
ries a book full of valuable in-
formation to friends in the Oregon
valleys. Mr. Henry will return in
the course of a couple of months
and will be accompanied by a
number of well-to-do people from
the State of Oregon. They will re-
side permanently in the islands
and engage in different occupa-
tions.

NEW CHAPTER IN REBELLION.

V. V. Ashford Now on Trial for
Misprision of Treason.

GOOD AND WHITE COURT MEMBERS.

Nowlin Said He Laid Open Whole
Plan to Ashford—Chinese Hackmen
Testify to Meeting of Ashford and
Nowlin on the Walkiki Road.

The Military Court did not assem-
ble until 10:40 this morning.
Colonel Whiting announced that an
adjournment would be made until 1
o'clock, as the personnel of the Com-
mission was incomplete. The reading
of the minutes would be omitted until
the afternoon session opened.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Promptly at 1 o'clock the court was
called to order. After reading of min-
utes by Recorder Jones, Colonel
Whiting stated that Captain John
Good, of Company E, and Lieutenant
Oscar White, of Company B, had been
selected to sit as members of the Com-
mission.

Attorney Neumann announced that
the personnel of the court was satis-
factory to defendant Ashford, and the
proceedings commenced.

Samuel Nowlin was the first wit-
ness called. His testimony was as
follows: Planned to have an army
at Kakaako and one at the fish
market; affair was to come off as
soon as arms landed; afraid of being
discovered if we waited; C. W. Ash-
ford said V. V. Ashford had gone for
arms; C. W. Ashford said Captain
Davies told V. V. Ashford he was go-
ing out for arms; C. W. Ashford went
on Likiep Saturday; saw C. W. who
wanted me to name place to meet V.
V. for conference; said Walkiki road
was nice place to meet; left him then;
was going out to Walkiki in buggy;
met V. V.; no special point of meet-
ing was agreed upon; both carriages
stopped; V. V. got out and came to
my carriage; he said to me, "I do not
think this a good place to have
talk"; told him did not think so either;
said I would call at his house and
have talk with him; left him and went
out to long bridge; turned around and
came to town; went to V. V.'s house
that afternoon; saw V. V. and father
at house sitting on veranda; never
been there before; went into small
room; no one present but us two; laid
open whole plan to V. V.; told him
arms going to be landed at Kakaako
and at fish market; told him Kakaako
plans been laid out by me; asked him
to help lay out plans for fish market;
V. V. asked about best time to land
arms; told him night time; V. V. said
if he had arms landed during night then
we must have day attack; hard to
keep natives from talking and giving
everything away; agreed day time
best; V. V. said would help make out
three times after call at house, to see
about fish market plan; went there
following Monday morning, the 31st;
saw him in back room of office; no one
there but us two; asked him if anything
done to plan; said no; too busy with
court matters and for me to call again;
Wednesday morning, day after New
Year's, learned arms coming; heard
Waimanalo succeeded in getting arms
and would be in that night; thought
better hurry matters and be ready by
1 o'clock next morning; found could
not get ready; at meeting of Gulick,
Rickard and myself, agreed to have
Rickard go out to Waimanalo and
bear orders; Thursday, went to see
Ashford again; things must surely
come off that night; he said sorry he
could not help, but was suffering from
rheumatism in the knee and would be
unable; tried that night, but thing
would not go; arms landed at Kaka-
ko, around by new breakwater on
Walkiki side; time of assembly agreed
on was 12 o'clock that night; natives
began gathering from 7 to 7:30 p.m.;
9 o'clock received word of police inter-
ference; Chinaman drove Ashford to
Walkiki; have seen men since my
confinement after I made statement
about him; Ashford had Chinese clerk
in office; was there when witness
called at office.

At this point of the examination,
the Chinese driver was brought in.
Nowlin continued:—Know this
man to be driver spoken of; learned
Waimanalo off Diamond Head from
Bertelmann; were to be 150 men at
Kakaako, and same number at Fish
Market; men going to get arms at
these places; told Ashford all plans;
Kakaako plans given to Bertelmann;
witness told Ashford that Walker was to
take Police Station with his squad;
everybody to move at 1 o'clock in the
morning; arms landed at Diamond
Head used in the fight on 6th and 7th.

On cross examination, Counsel Neu-
mann asked Nowlin if he had been
offered any price for the betrayal of
his colleagues.

Captain Kinney objected to the
word "betrayal" and the objection
was sustained by the court.

Mr. Neumann changed his language
and asked Nowlin what promises had
been made him.

Nowlin answered that he was told

his life would be saved if he told the
truth.

Lee Tong:—Have been in city from
sixteen to seventeen years; drive
hack; stand at Castle & Cooke's cor-
ner; known Ashford for several years;
drove him on 30th of last month at
10:35 a. m.; telephone boy sent me
from stand; Ashford told me to drive
him to Walkiki; did not state any spe-
cial place; drove him as far as road
leading to J. F. Brown's; told me to
turn to right; when got down to last
house told me to turn to right again;
went past John Eha's place and came
out on King street again; told me to
turn to right again; got out near
where street cars stop; told me to turn
round; came toward town; just outside
Chinese banana field on road leading
to J. F. Brown's; saw Nowlin coming
from town in buggy; Ashford told me
to stop; both carriages stopped at
once; Ashford got out and walked
across to Nowlin; talked for few min-
utes; number of my hack 135.

On cross-examination counsel for
defense brought out the fact that Lee
Tong did not know the date of his en-
gagement with Ashford until after he
was called upon by the police. He
recalled that it was in the morning
about the end of December, but that
was all.

Manuel Andrade:—Am 17 years old;
work at City Carriage Company's
office; take telephone messages and
send out hacks; keep record of where-
ever they go; know V. V. Ashford;
remember he called us up; knew his
voice; received message and told Lee
Tong to his house; put entry in book.

On cross-examination nothing new
was brought out.

Sing Fook:—Work for Ashford; be-
gan clerking there in March of 1894;
know Sam Nowlin; remember Now-
lin made visits at office previous to
revolution; during two weeks previ-
ous to rebellion he called three times.

Cross examined:—Called once and
Ashford was away; came back during
day; Friday morning was called by
Marshal to police station; had no
bribes or threats offered; swore there
upon oath to tell truth; made state-
ments of own free will.

Captain Davies:—Commanded Wai-
manalo before trouble; made agree-
ment with Rickard at Walker's office
on 27th of December; know Ashford;
saw him Friday afternoon previous to
trouble; met him on Bethel street
and spoke to him; asked him if he
knew anything about political trou-
bles; said only heard something was
going on and was trying to find out
more about it; told him then witness
would look after sea part and would
want good person to look after shore;
said better look into matter more care-
fully before going to sea; finished con-
versation in back room; someone was
there at time; waited until through
and then entered; went to sea same
day; got arms and landed them at
Walkiki.

Sam Stone:—Live at Kukuluao
about 500 yards from old salt
works on Queen street; Ashford
used to come to my house; remem-
ber hearing something about trouble
on 3d of January; 7:30 that evening
Ashford called; stayed about five min-
utes; talked first about a mortgage
between me and another man named
Kaapana.

At this point Interpreter Luther
Wilcox was introduced on account of
Stone's imperfect English.

Stone continued:—Ashford asked me
if I was acquainted with the situation
of the royalists; told him I had heard
of politics for the last two years, but
had no idea of what was going on and
didn't care. Ashford got up suddenly
and said he was going home; said he
would not send mortgage up until Ka-
apana sent up \$10 more, which would
close up matters.

Detective Larsen was called, but
Mr. Neumann objected to him on ac-
count of his name not being on the
list of witnesses for prosecution.

After deliberation the Court decided
that Larsen's testimony would be al-
lowed.

Wm. Larsen:—Was in employ of
police department on 3d January; had
heard of meeting of natives; was sta-
tioned with another man on road
leading to leper settlement at 8:20;
remained there thirty minutes; first
fifteen minutes counted forty men
coming down two roads.

Captain Kinney asked Larsen if he
spoke to any of them, and if so, what
they said; whereupon Mr. Neumann
objected to the last question as being
irrelevant.

The objection was sustained by the
Court.

Mr. Neumann asked for adjourn-
ment on account of the physical state
of his client.

The Court adjourned until 9:30 a. m.
today.

Searching Party.

H. Mossman and Kekai returned
last night from a searching journey
along the beach toward Moanalua.
They found one new Lee-Remington
carbine, the only one of the kind
seen for some years, in a house oc-
cupied by a Chinaman; and located
near Charles Hopkins' second fish-
ing station.

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a half searching the entire country
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